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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Mullin:

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The Honorable Tim Murphy  
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The Honorable Frank D. Lucas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable David B. McKinley, P.E.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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